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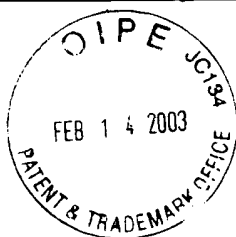
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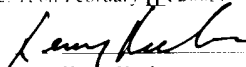
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Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the following co-pending application:

Application number 10/085,885, by Anthony J. Ticknor et al., filed February 27, 2002

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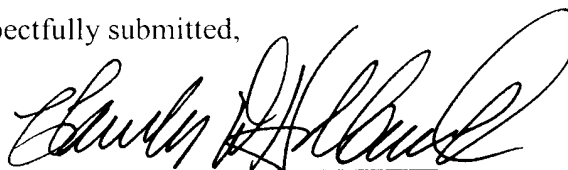
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1.	02/27/2001	6,195,478	Fouquet			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	3.	01/07/1998	EP 0 815 940	Europe				
	4.	12/16/1998	EP 0 884 714	Europe				
	5.	12/01/2000	FR 2 794 039	France			Abstract	
	6.	11/16/1988	GB 2 204 710	Great Britain				
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS

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Examiner Initials	Ref. No.	Title
	8.	Togo, H. et al. (1999). "Multi-Element Thermo-Capillary Optical Switch and Sub-Nanoliter Oil Injection for its Fabrication," <i>Miro Electro Mechanical Systems</i> , 12 <sup>th</sup> IEE International Conference, January 17-21, 1999 pp. 418-423.

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